

BLACK DIAMOND  
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# BLACK DIAMOND



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# WESTERN

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**52** pages of  
ILLUSTORIES

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THE BLACK DIAMOND MEETS THE DEADLY FARO KID FACE TO FACE! BOTH ARE SAID TO HAVE THE FASTEST DRAW IN THE WEST! IF BOTH CAN'T WIN IN THEIR FIGHT TO THE FINISH, WHO WILL? SEE INSIDE!



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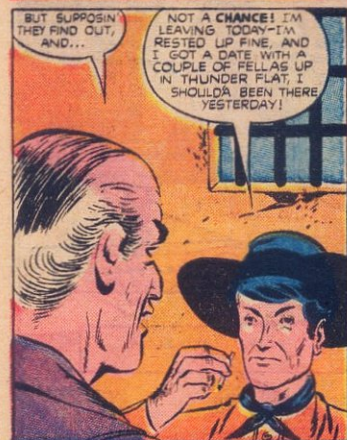
# the BLACK DIAMOND

IN THE DAYS OF THE DESPERADOES!

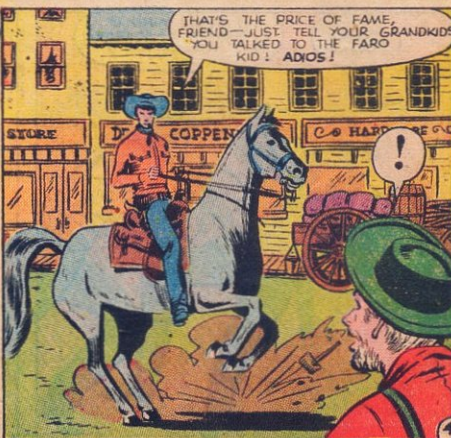
IN THE LATE 1860'S, A GREAT MANY GUNMEN RODE THROUGH THE WEST, READY TO KILL FOR GAIN, OR EVEN NOTORIETY — BUT NONE WERE AS DEADLY AND VICIOUS AS THE FARO KID! HIS ABILITY TO OUT-DRAW ALL COWERS MADE HIM FEARED BY LAWMEN AND LAWLESS ALIKE! HIS ONE AIM WAS TO CUT DOWN THE ONLY MAN WHO THREATENED HIS REPUTATION — THE BLACK DIAMOND!



... AND SO IT WAS THAT BLACK DIAMOND AND THE FARO KID MET IN A GUN DUEL AT THUNDER FLAT, WHERE ONLY ONE WAS TO EMERGE VICTORIOUS!

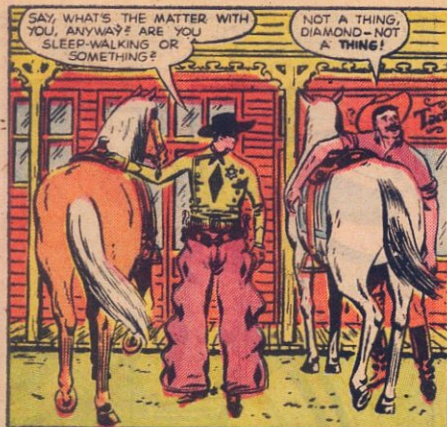
















I DIDN'T MEAN NOTHING, KID! I WAS JUST JOKING—YEAH, JOKING!

THE NEXT JOKE LIKE THAT'S GOING TO HAVE A VERY DEAD ENDING!



HE DIDN'T MEAN NO HARM, KID—HONEST!

FORGET IT! I'M HERE ON BUSINESS! WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM?



WELL, THE PLACE WAS CLOSED UP BY A BUNCH OF BLUE NOSES—CLAIMED THERE WERE CROOKED TABLES! IMAGINE THAT—AND JUST BECAUSE A COUPLE OF GUYS USED TO GET KNOCKED OFF A NIGHT!



YOU MEAN TO SAY YOU LET A BUNCH OF OLD LADIES AND A RUSTY RANCHER CLOSE YOU UP?

NOT EXACTLY...



IT'S MORE THAN THAT! THEY'RE BACKED UP BY A MASKED MARSHAL, CALLED THE "BLACK DIAMOND"!

OH, YEAH, I'VE HEARD OF HIM DOWN ALONG THE BORDER! I'VE BEEN TITCHING TO TRY HIM FOR GUN SIZE!



HE'S NO EASY MARK! HE CUT DOWN ALL OUR BOYS TO FRYING SIZE!

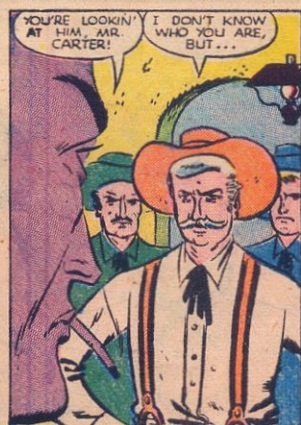
WE'LL SEE, WE'LL SEE...GET YOUR GAMBLING GEAR OILED UP! WE'RE HAVING A GRAND OPENING TOMORROW NIGHT!

YES, BUT...



YOU HEARD ME! AND JUST FOR THE BOOKS, MY CUT OF THE PROFITS WILL BE FIFTY PER CENT, AS LONG AS THE PLACE KEEPS OPEN! ALL RIGHTS!

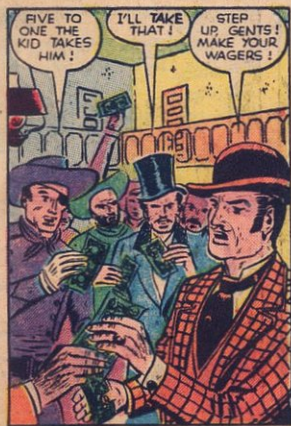
SURE, KID, SURE! ANYTHING YOU SAY!





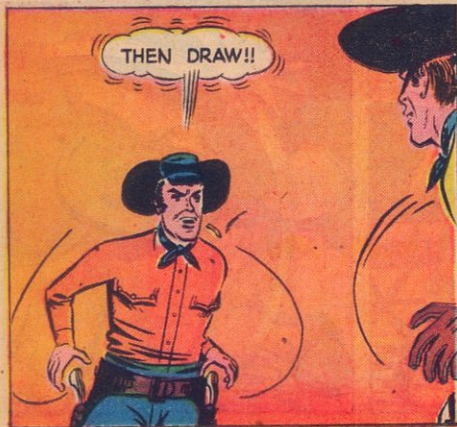


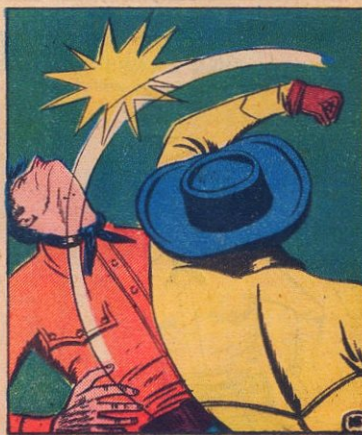


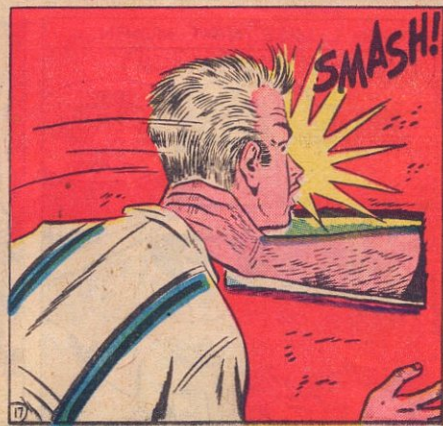
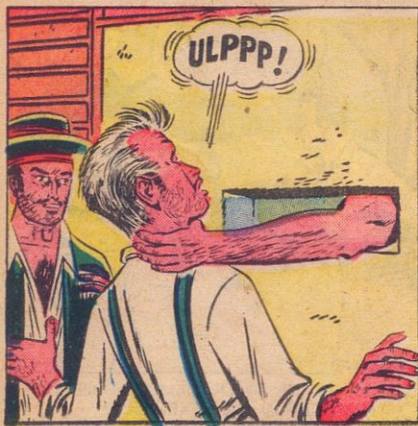
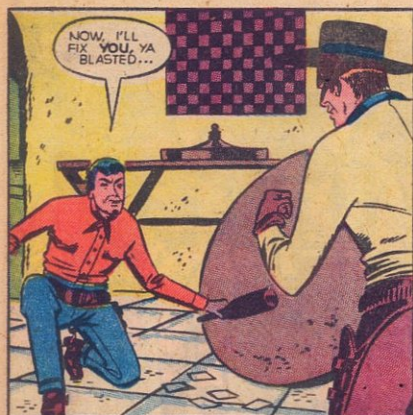












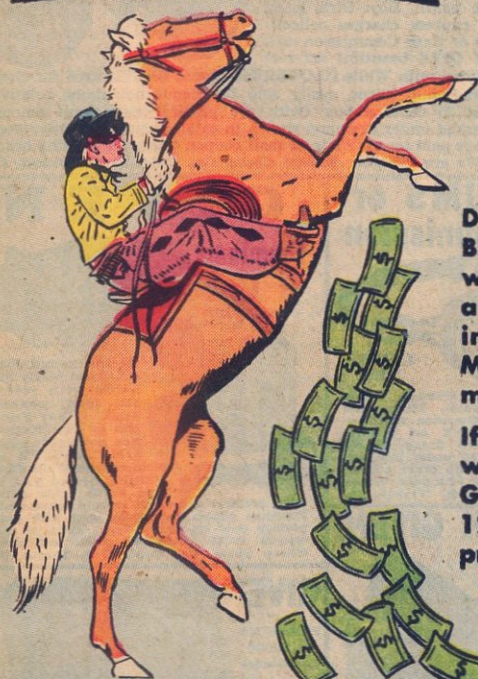


**BLACK DIAMOND'S  
PALOMINO HORSE**  
has been  
**NAMED!**

the  
**\$1500<sup>00</sup>**

*cash prize winners  
WILL BE ANNOUNCED  
in the next issue of BLACK  
DIAMOND WESTERN!*

**126 PRIZES IN ALL!**



Did YOU enter the mammoth  
BLACK DIAMOND CONTEST  
which appeared in our April  
and May issues by sending  
in a name for BLACK DIA-  
MOND'S wonderful Palo-  
mino Horse?

If you did, you may be the  
winner of the \$1,000.00  
Grand Prize or one of the  
125 other, generous cash  
prizes!

**DON'T MISS IT!**

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RUNNING...

TO GET...

THE BLACK  
DIAMOND  
WESTERN...

WHICH  
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Print LAST Name Here \_\_\_\_\_

Paste on a postal card or mail in an envelope NOW

# SURE AS SHOOTIN'

by  
**CLAUDE  
MOORE**

DRAWN ESPECIALLY FOR "BLACK DIAMOND" by C.H. MOORE



**THE ONLY BULL FIGHT** IN THE UNITED STATES ON RECORD WAS HELD IN DODGE CITY, KANSAS, JULY 4, 1884 - IT WAS MARKED AS A CRUEL AND DISGUSTING EXHIBITION, AND THE STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS PASSED STRICT LAWS MAKING IT ILLEGAL TO HOLD BULLFIGHTS IN THE U.S.!

C.H. MOORE



**PEDRO  
BUSTAMENTE**

A MEXICAN, WAS BROUGHT INTO COURT, IN California, AS A HORSE THIEF -  
"DO YOU SMOKE CIGARETTES? DO YOU BLOW THE SMOKE THROUGH YOUR NOSE?" ASKED THE JUDGE! "SI, SEÑOR," REPLIED PEDRO!  
"THEN I FIND YOU GUILTY AS CHARGED AND ORDER YOU TO BE SHOT AS A HORSE THIEF!" THE JUDGE DID NOT HOLD HIS OFFICE FOR LONG!



A GOLD NUGGET THAT WEIGHED OVER 13 POUNDS, AND WORTH ABOUT \$40,000, WAS BROUGHT TO THE EAST BY ITS FINDER AND EXHIBITED AT 50 CENTS A LOOK -  
THE NUGGET MADE HIM A MILLIONAIRE - IN INTEREST!



SCORES OF MEN WHO STRUCK IT RICH IN THE GOLD FIELDS HAD ALL OF THEIR TEETH EXTRACTED AND SOLID GOLD FALSE TEETH MADE TO REPLACE THEM!



'LUCKY' RIDER - Homberg Spa, California - BET \$60,000 ON THE TURN OF A SINGLE CARD - AND LOST! IN LESS THAN 3 HOURS, HE LOST \$200,000 PLAYING CARDS IN THE GAMBLING DEN!



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know what they want?**

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ics and baseball  
and football and  
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things you do and  
like to do. In other  
words, we want  
to prove that you  
know what you  
want. It will cost  
you nothing to  
do this. Remem-  
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card to Charles  
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FOLLOW THAT CAB!

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I'LL BE BACK SHORTLY!

I WONDER WHY THEY CALL HIM CACTUS FACE?

IRT

IRT

HORSE CHEST-NUTS

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BANK  
ROB!

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PALEFACE  
GET THE  
POINT!

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ME!

RAISE  
YA!

NO  
FAIR!

EEEEK!

FIRE  
WHEN  
READY!

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VINE

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I HAVE FUN  
WITH THAT  
IDIOT'S FACE

YOU'RE  
FUNNIER  
WITH YOUR  
OWN

THE MYSTERY  
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SURE HAS THE  
GIRLS ALL AGOG

WHO IS HE  
AND WHERE  
DID HE GET  
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(AND THEIR VICIOUS BAND OF LAND THIEVES)

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THIS IS SILVER STREAM, MR. CAIN! OUR CONTRACT CALLS FOR US TO SETTLE HERE, AND WE INTEND TO STAY!

WHY DON'T YOU TAKE US TO COURT? BECAUSE YOU'LL LOSE - THAT'S WHY!

SMART, AREN'T YOU? WELL, YOU'LL HAVE TO SPLIT UP WHEN YOU START TO FARM! AND THEN WHEN MY BOYS RIDE UP FOR A VISIT...

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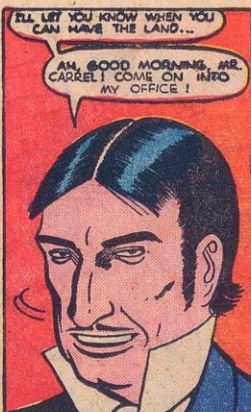
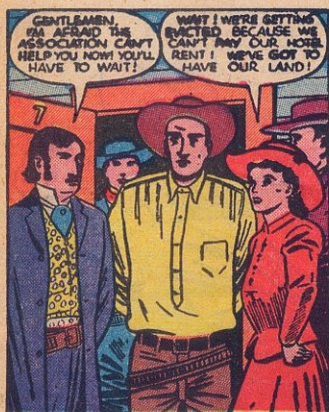


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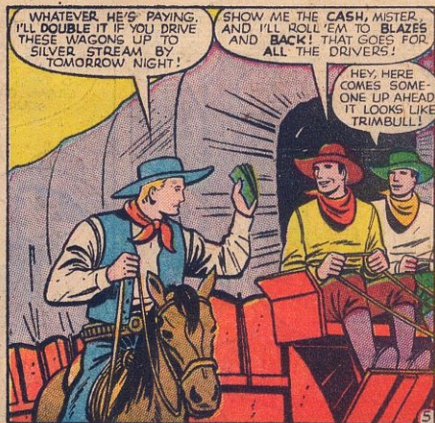
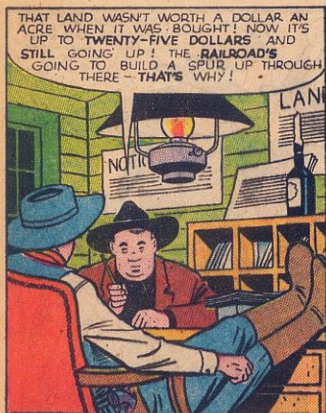
















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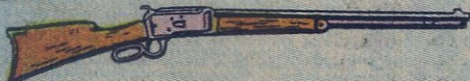
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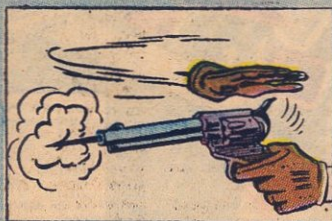
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# THE "WIDOW" OF ANGEL'S GULCH

**I**T WAS night when young Hank Gabriel pulled up his horse at the hitching post of the main street of Ridge Bluffs, a dingy town high in the Rockies. He dismounted wearily, looked up and down the dark street, then headed for the Gold Coin Saloon, which had a sign prominently displayed: "Rooms Upstairs." He pushed through the swinging doors, went over to a table and sat down.

The bartender and two old miners seated at a rear table watched the boy cross the floor. "Howdy, stranger," the bartender cried. "What'll it be?"

"Just give me some coffee and five minutes to get my strength back," Hank grinned. "That's sure some climb between here and Carter City."

The bartender stared at him. "How'd you get up here? Ride a canary?"

"A canary!" Hank laughed and leaned on the bar. "Oh, you mean a Rocky Mountain burro!—not that I wouldn't have minded a pair of wings on that pony of mine." He twirled the cup in his hands. "No—I missed the weekly train here to Ridge Bluffs, I bought a horse from Sam Wade at the A Bar A Ranch and came on through. What I need right now is some dinner and a bed. Can you fix me up for tonight?"

The bartender looked thoughtfully at him. "I guess so—if beans an' ham an' coffee will fill the bill—"

While Hank was eating, the bartender brought out a second cup of coffee and sat down at the table with him. "I hope you don't mind if I join you, stranger. It's so long between visitors here that I don't get much information about what's going on anywhere."

Hank sipped his coffee. "Sure—I've been kinda lonely myself for the past couple of months, ever since I left Indiana. But my travelling's about done, though. How much farther is it to Angel's Gulch?"

"Angel's Gulch! What in tarnation would a kid like you want in Angel's Gulch?" said the bartender. "It's ten miles from here, but that town hasn't seen a soul for twenty years or more—a *living* soul, that is. I wouldn't want to answer for what *other* kinds of beings are up there, but they sure aren't angels!"

The bartender leaned confidentially across the table. "Listen, kid. I don't know what's takin' you up there, but whatever it is, I'd pick some other spot to head for. There's lots of towns in this territory, and any one of 'em is a healthier place than Angel's Gulch!"

"What's the matter with it? Don't tell me you're scared of a ghost town!"

The older man shook his head. "There're ghost towns an' ghost towns, but there's nothin' like *that* place! What do you want up there, anyway?"

Hank stiffened a bit, then relaxed. "It's not your business, really, but maybe you can give me some information. My family came from there. My father made his money there—and lost it, too,

when the vein ran out. I was just about a year old then. Anyway, he was killed in that big cave-in, and mother . . . well, mother didn't live long after that." The boy paused a minute. "My aunt took me back East, and when I was eighteen she gave me a letter my mother had written to me—sixteen years before. It was a crazy sort of letter. As a matter of fact, she was pretty much out of her head when she wrote it. But she rambled on about Angel's Gulch . . . and gold in the streets . . . and . . . and . . . that the *devil* had a grip on the town!"

He looked up and saw the bartender staring at him.

"I know it's crazy, but—anyway, she asked me to come back here and save the town. Maybe that stuff she wrote didn't mean anything, but I came up here to take a look. And that's it!"

There was silence for a minute. Then the bartender said slowly, "I don't think I've introduced myself. I'm Rick Gorham. And your name is—" He sounded as if he were afraid Hank would confirm something he already knew.

"Gabriel. Hank Gabriel. Why, what's the matter?" he asked.

For Gorham had stood up suddenly, knocking the chair to the ground. "Get outta here!" he shouted. "You can't stay here in this town! It's young Gabriel! The *Widow* Gabriel's son! GET OUT!"

Hank stood up, amazed. "Now, see here . . . !"

"See here, nothin'! I've seen enough of Gabriels to never want to lay eyes on one again. *Get out!*"

Hank swung around the table, grabbed Gorham by the collar, and shoved him back against the bar. "What d'ya *mean*? Tell me what you've got against Gabriels—or I'll beat it out of you!"

"Go ask the *Widow!*" the barkeeper shrieked hysterically. "She's up there! Go ask—"

"The *Widow who?* By heaven, you'll talk!" Hank raised his fist high above Gorham's head.

"Your *mother!*" the barkeeper whispered hoarsely. "She's been up there ever since Gabriel was killed in the cave-in and everybody left town."

"My mother's been dead for sixteen years," Hank muttered thickly, "—and no rotten drink-slinger is goin' to say she's running around a ghost town!"

Gorham twisted out of Hank's grip and sat down weakly. "I'll tell ya what I know about it." He paused, then went on. "I remember the cave-in myself. Thirty men were caught in it, and Pickett, your father's partner, was the only one to get out alive. Pickett said that the cave-in washed up the mine for good—that there was no chance of finding the mother vein again."

"After that, he left town, and so did the others. Finally there was nobody left but the *Widow*, her sister, who took you away, and her baby—you. Anyway, she kept tellin' everybody that they were crazy to leave, that the gold was there, and that all they had to do was pitch in and dig



the tunnel through again.

"Nobody'd pay any attention to her. They knew she'd been hysterical ever since Gabriel was killed. Then she left, too. The town was dead as a doornail!" The bartender stopped.

"Go on!"

"Well, then she came back! Honest—I'm not one for believin' in ghosts—but there she was . . . only about a foot taller and strong as an ox! She wandered around those empty streets crying and moanin' like a banshee! Then a prospector wandered up there, and never came back! Nobody who went tourin' around there ever came back!

"So a bunch of us from Ridge Bluffs decided to investigate and see if she was still around. Sure as shootin', she was, but when we chased her into the mine, with her laughin' like a hyena, a whole pile of rocks came slidin' down on our heads, and we barely got out in time. We thought she had been trapped, but later on a fella saw her again when he was comin' through the gulch! Since then, nobody's been up there—" Gorham licked his lips. "That's all, I guess!"

He looked up at Hank, who then turned without a word and strode out of the Gold Coin Saloon.

Four hours later, Hank rounded a bend of the river and drew his horse up shortly. There, cold and forlorn in the moonlight, lay the remnants of Angel's Gulch. He felt confused and almost frantic, but as he rode on he grew calmer.

"Well, there's no way of findin' out what's going on except by looking around," he thought. Suddenly he tensed. An inhuman wail filled the air, mingling with the moan of the wind. He slipped off his horse, and nervously stepped forward. He spotted the building it seemed to be coming from, then raced across the open street.

Bang! There was a loud report as a bullet whistled past his ear. He ducked into the shadows, and crept around toward the rear of the crumbling building. "That does it!" he thought. "I've never yet heard of a ghost counting on bullets to do his dirty work!" He flattened himself against the house, and peered in through the decaying boards. And there, silhouetted against the window, was the "Widow!"

Her black, ragged veil and shaggy locks ruffling in the breeze, the black-skirted she-thing stood there, staring out of the window. "Drop that gun!" Hank shouted. "Ghost or Widow or whatever you are! You've got some answerin' to do!"

The figure whirled, dropped the gun, leaped through the window, and ran toward the mine shaft with Hank in pursuit.

"Stop or I'll fire!" Hank yelled. But the weird black figure had vanished into the gloomy darkness of the mine. Hank followed, and paused before the ladder near the entrance, testing it cautiously, remembering Gorham's adventure in the mine.

Suddenly there was a hollow rumble, and the ground under Hank's feet seemed to move. The sound of tons of shifting rock split the air, and then, as the slide settled, an anguished voice screamed out.

"I'm caught! Help me! Help me! Aie-ee-eee!"

Hank dropped onto the ladder, and climbed down into the unfamiliar darkness, his gun in his hand. Dimly he made out the figure, pinned beneath rock and timber, and ran over to it.

"I can't move. Can . . . can you lift the beams? No—of course you can't. I . . . know myself how many day's work it takes to clear this . . . away." There was a groan and Hank stared in amazement.

"Why—you're a man! Who—who are you?"

The figure stirred feebly. "I'm Ephraim Pickett . . . seems strange—I haven't used that name in years."

"Pickett! cried Hank. "My father's partner!"

"So you're . . . young Gabriel. Maybe this is justice of some sort—that you should be the cause of my death. But then, I was the cause of your father's . . ."

"Why, you—what do you mean?"

"You might as well know," Pickett breathed painfully. "It's been sixteen years that I've kept this story to myself—forgotten it, really, in order to become the 'Widow'."

"It started in this same tunnel," the injured man went on. "After the original vein ran out, your father and I decided to invest all our savings in digging another shaft. We knew we hadn't struck the mother vein, but that it was there, all right. Suddenly I spotted it—there was enough gold there to make me a multi-millionaire. So I covered it over and ordered the men to stop digging. But Gabriel smelled a rat, and started to re-open the tunnel. I hid some dynamite in the rock, and as soon as Gabriel and his men happened on the new vein, I set off the fuse. The explosion almost got me, too, but I got out. Your father, and the others died there."

"I'd like to—" Hank felt himself ready to strike Pickett, but instead said grimly, "What about my mother?"

"Well, she just about went crazy. I don't know how much she knew, but she was so out of her mind, it didn't matter much. After that, everybody cleared out and headed for other richer mines. I left for a while myself and when I heard of her death, I got an idea that would keep everybody away from this town."

"That was when the Widow reappeared—only I was the Widow." Pickett smiled a little. "It was a cinch to take care of the few fools who ventured in, and when a posse from Ridge Bluffs came after me—well, I was ready for them, too. I had a slide all ready for them, one that looked like the real thing, but that just blocked off the tunnel for a few feet. Then all I had to do was clear it away after they left and start in again."

Pickett was growing weaker. "A fat lot of good that vein did me, though. Sure, I got a lot out—pure gold nuggets—only it meant that I had to pack it over the pass to Bakerstown because I might have been recognized in Ridge Bluffs. And I couldn't take a chance on leaving Angel's Gulch unguarded for more than a few days. Each time I made that trip I thought it would be my last, that I'd go somewhere and settle down. But I kept on coming back for more. I guess I never learned to let well enough alone."

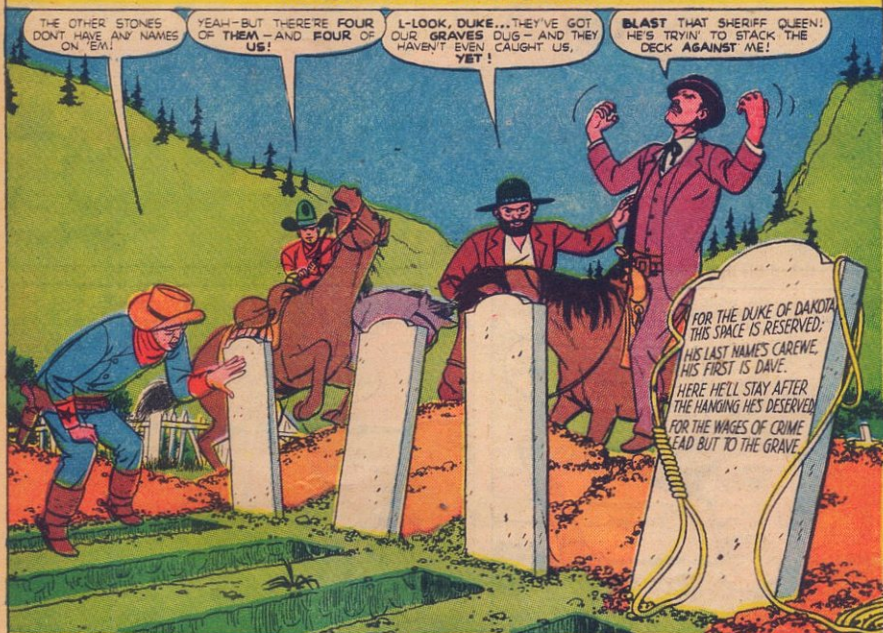
He shuddered and took a difficult breath. "I . . . guess I . . . I haven't any use for . . . any of . . . it now. It's all . . . yours . . . as it should—"

There was a long silence, broken only by Hank's slow breathing, in that long tunnel where so many lives had been lost—all for the gold that had brought nothing to the man who had craved it but a fear-ridden life—and a violent death. Pickett had planned well—but so had Fate.

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# FIGHTING SHERIFF JACK QUEEN

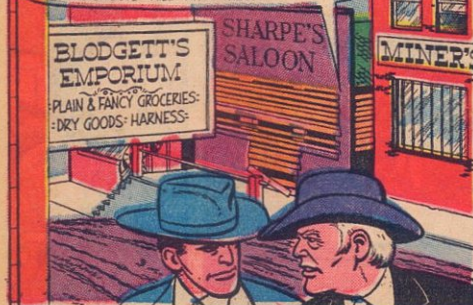
WHY DID HE ALWAYS WEAR HIS HAT INDOORS AND OUT? HE HAD A GOOD REASON!



MAYBE WITH A NAME LIKE JACK QUEEN, THE SHERIFF SHOULD HAVE BEEN A GAMBLER! BUT HE WAS A KING AMONG MEN, AN ACE WITH A SIX-GUN, AND STRAIGHT AS THEY COME! HE STOOD PAT AGAINST A FOUR-FLUSHING OUTLAW NAMED DAVE CAREWE, THE DUKE OF DAKOTA, WHO CASHED IN HIS CHIPS WHEN THIS FIGHTING SHERIFF CALLED HIS BLUFF!

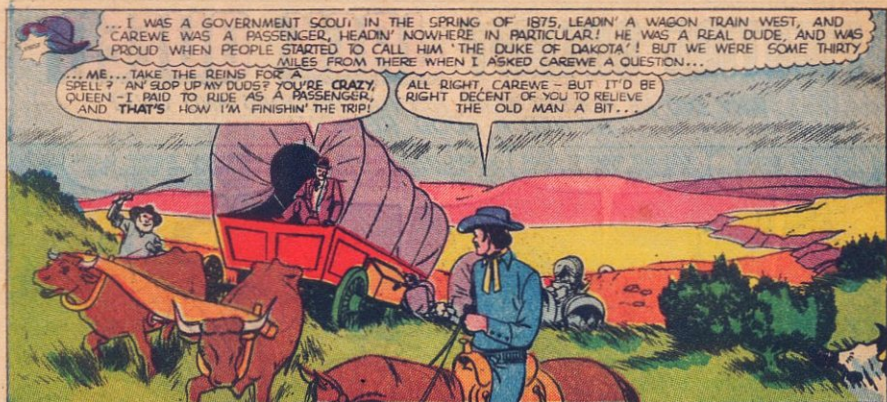
IT IS 1905...JACK QUEEN IS AN OLD MAN NOW, AND DEADWOOD, A PEACEFUL TOWN, HE WALKS WITH HIS GRANDSON, SHERIFF JOHNNY QUEEN, ALONG IT'S MAIN STREET...

YOU ASK ME WHY YOU'VE NEVER SEEN ME WITH MY HAT OFF, JOHNNY-EVEN AT HOME? WELL, THAT'S QUITE A STORY! YOU'D BETTER COME OVER TO HANSMAN'S HILL WITH ME...



...DEADWOOD WAS A TOUGH PLACE YEARS AGO, AND CAREWE, WHOSE BONES ARE IN THAT GRAVE, TERRIFIED THE TOUGHEST MEN IN TOWN! BUT I'M GETTING AHEAD OF MY STORY...





... I WAS A GOVERNMENT SCOUT IN THE SPRING OF 1875, LEADIN' A WAGON TRAIN WEST, AND CAREWE WAS A PASSENGER, HEADIN' NOWHERE IN PARTICULAR! HE WAS A REAL DUDE, AND WAS PROUD WHEN PEOPLE STARTED TO CALL HIM 'THE DUKE OF DAKOTA'! BUT WE WERE SOME THIRTY MILES FROM THERE WHEN I ASKED CAREWE A QUESTION...

... ME... TAKE THE REINS FOR A SPELL? 'AN SLOP UP MY DUDS? YOU'RE CRAZY, QUEEN - I PAID TO RIDE AS A PASSENGER, AND THAT'S HOW I'M FINISHIN' THE TRIP!

ALL RIGHT, CAREWE - BUT IT'D BE RIGHT PLENTY OF YOU TO RELIEVE THE OLD MAN A BIT...



THINGS WERE PRETTY QUIET UNTIL A BAND OF RAIDERS SHOWED UP IN THE DISTANCE... EVEN FROM FAR OFF I RECOGNIZED 'EM!

IT'S BUCK SEARS AND HIS FILTHY CUTTHROATS... WE'VE GOT A FIGHT ON OUR HANDS!



SEARS WOULD RIDE HIS MEN AROUND THE TRAIN IN A CIRCLE, INDIAN-LIKE! HE'D EVEN TAKE SOME SCALPS, SO THE ATTACK WOULD BE BLAMED ON THE REDSKINS!

BE READY FOR 'EM! WE'LL HAVE TO KEEP FIGHTING AS LONG AS POSSIBLE - SEARS WILL KILL US ALL, ANYWAY!



BURY ALL THE GUNS WE AREN'T USING! THEY'RE WHAT SEARS IS AFTER - TO SELL TO RENEGADES AT A BIG PRICE!

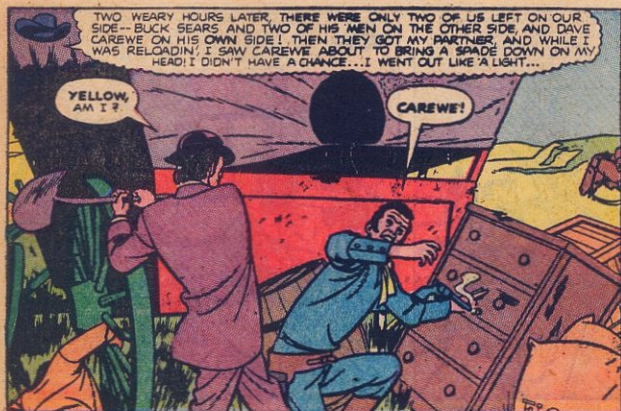


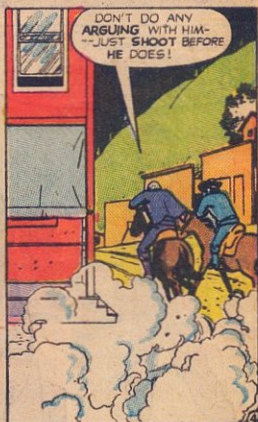
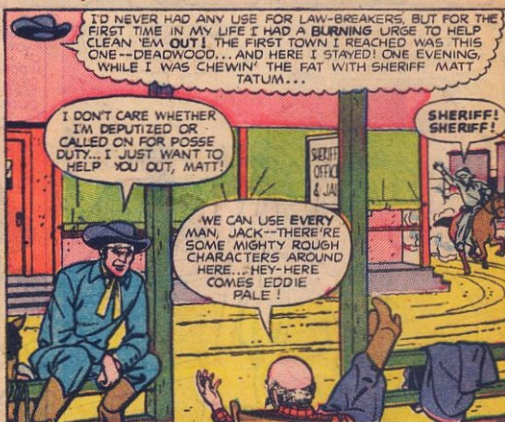
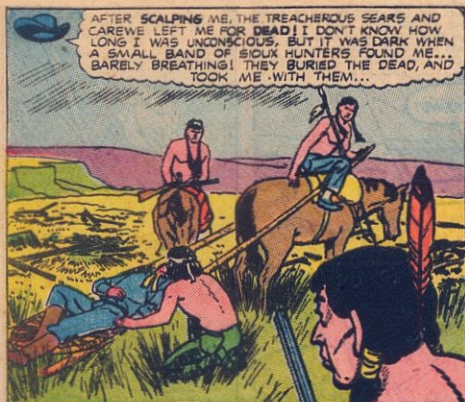
WHAT'S THE IDEA, CAREWE? IS YOUR GUN ARM SORE?

I'M JUST 'A PAYIN' PASSENGER, QUEEN - REMEMBER?

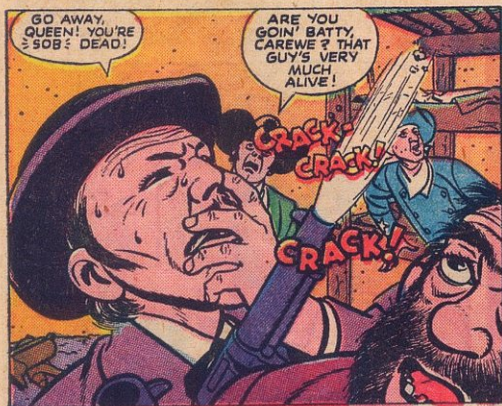


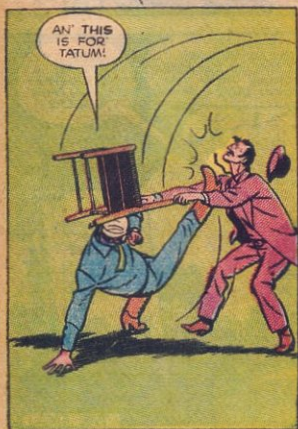
DRAT YOUR YELLOW HIDE! WHEN I GET TO YOU LATER, I'LL... GOPY! THEY'RE FIRING ALREADY!



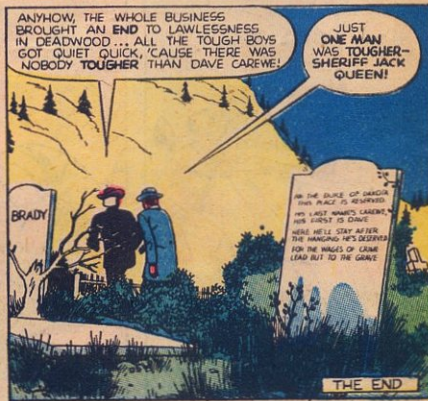






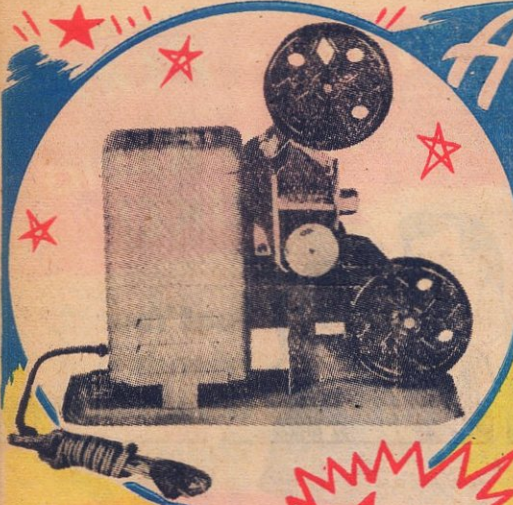






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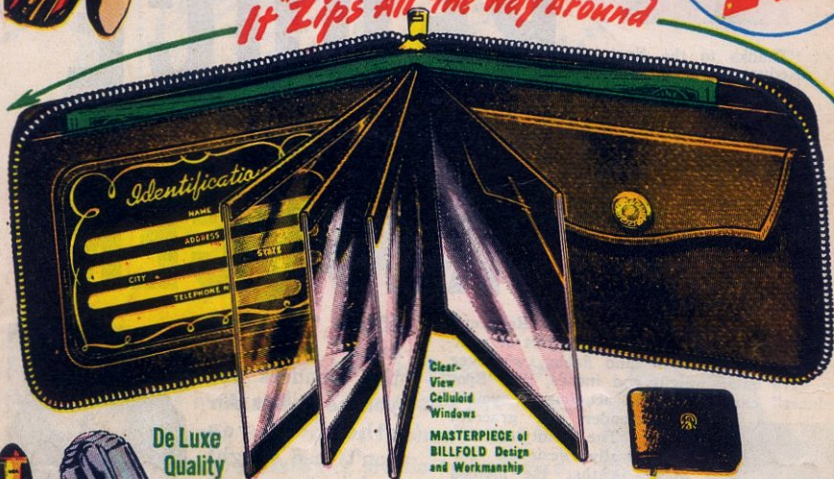
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